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WASHINGTON--ADD SECURITY (73)

MINS, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A PLAYWRIGHT AND A TRANSLATOR, ALSO REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE WAS CONNECTED WITH SOVIET MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AT THE TIME HE WAS WORKING FOR THE OSS, A WORLD WAR II GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

TIME AFTER TIME HE REPLIED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS THAT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION NO ONE COULD BE COMPELLED TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST HIMSELF.

IN CONTRAST TO MINS' QUIET, PRECISE REFUSAL TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, WUCHINICH ANGRILY STORMED AT THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ITS COUNSEL, ROBERT MORRIS, THE MOMENT HE TOOK THE WITNESS CHAIR.

THE PITTSBURGH-BORN FORMER PARATROOPER ALSO JUMPED TO HIS FEET AND APPEALED TO THE AUDIENCE THAT CROWDED THE SENATE'S BIG CAUCUS ROOM.

"I DID MORE FOR MY COUNTRY THAN YOU DID," HE SHOUTED AT MORRIS. AND LATER, POUNDING A TABLE WITH HIS FIST, WUCHINICH ACCUSED THE SUBCOMMITTEE LAWYER OF TRYING "TO DESTROY ME AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS."

WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN AN OSS OFFICER, WUCHINICH REPLIED HE HAD AND WAS PROUD OF IT.

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SEN. OLIN JOHNSTON (D-SC) ASKED HIM IF HE CONSIDERED HIMSELF A GOOD AMERICAN. THE WITNESS SAID HE CERTAINLY DID AND THEN TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE HE HAD RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS "FROM MY COUNTRY."

"I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS AND I'LL STAND UP," HE SAID AS HE STARTED TO READ FROM THE CITATION. HE SAID IT WAS DATED NOV. 8, 1944, AND REMARKED HE BELIEVE THAT WAS ABOUT THE TIME SEN. MCCARTHY "GOT OUT OF THE ARMY."

WHEN HE CAME TO HIS NAME IN THE CITATION, HE TURNED TO THE SPECTATORS AND SHOUTED "THAT'S ME LADIES AND GENTLEMEN."

WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A FEW LOW WHISSES COULD BE HEARD, BUT WUCHINICH SAID "TAKE A GOOD LOOK, YOU SCHOOL CHILDREN."

HE WENT ON TO QUOTE THE CITATION AS SAYING THE AWARD WAS MADE TO HIM FOR "EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM" FOR SECRET OPERATIONS IN THE BALKANS. IT SPOKE OF HIS DROPPING BEHIND ENEMY LINES BY PARACHUTE AND OF SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF AN "EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS MISSION."

"THAT'S WHY THAT FLAG SHOULD BE BESIDE ME," WUCHINICH SAID. HE WAS REFERRING TO AN AMERICAN FLAG THAT STOOD JUST BEHIND AND TO ONE SIDE OF JENNER.

HE EARLIER HAD POINTED TO THE FLAG IN SAYING HE WAS A CITIZEN AND WOULD TAKE HIS TIME ABOUT ANSWERING THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE IS A COMMUNIST.

JENNER ASKED WUCHINICH IF HE WERE A COMMUNIST AT THE TIME HE RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

"NO, SIR," HE REPLIED.

MORRIS SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD RECEIVED TESTIMONY THAT WUCHINICH HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA AND A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF STEVE NELSON.

WHEN THE SUBCOMMITTEE ASKED HIS PRESENT OCCUPATION, WUCHINICH PROTESTED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY THE QUESTION WAS ASKED OR WHY HE HAD BEEN CALLED AS A WITNESS. HE ACCUSED THE SENATORS OF "BLACK-LISTING" PEOPLE.

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MINS INVOKED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE AGAINST POSSIBLE SELF-INCRIMINATION WHEN ASKED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS WAR-TIME APPOINTMENT TO THE OSS.

HE TESTIFIED HE MAKES HIS LIVELIHOOD NOW BY TRANSLATING FOR VARIOUS CLIENTS BUT HE DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF HIS PRINCIPAL CLIENT.

HE ALSO DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE NATURE OF HIS WORK FOR THE OSS AFTER MORRIS ASKED HIM IF HE HAD NOT BEEN A RESEARCH ANALYST COLLECTING AND ANALYZING INFORMATION "FROM ALL SOURCES ON THE SOVIET UNION."

MINS TESTIFIED HE HAD TAKEN A LIFE-TIME VOW OF SECRECY ABOUT HIS OSS WORKS, SIGNING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHEN HE STARTED HIS JOB AND WHEN HE LEFT.

JENNER TOLD HIM, HOWEVER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THAT AS A BASIS FOR REFUSING TO ANSWER AND MINS THEN CITED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE SELF-INCRIMINATION.

IN REFUSING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER HE IS OR HAS BEEN IN THE SERVICE OF THE SOVIET MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, MINS SAID "I ACKNOWLEDGE NOTHING."

HE SAID HE MERELY STOOD ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION AGAINST ANY PERSON BEING COMPELLED TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST HIMSELF.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE INTRODUCED A DOCUMENT WHICH IT SAID SHOWED THAT MINS, IN APPLYING FOR HIS OSS JOB, MADE A SWORN STATEMENT THAT HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATED THE FORCIBLE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT.

HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER THE SIGNATURE ON THE DOCUMENT WAS HIS.

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ANOTHER WITNESS, CHARLES J. COE OF NEW YORK CITY, TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS HAVE THREATENED HIM SINCE HE WAS NAMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INQUIRY. HE REFUSED TO TELL WHETHER HE EVER HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF A COMMUNIST CELL.

THE SENATORS GRANTED HIS REQUEST THAT HIS HOME ADDRESS BE KEPT SECRET AFTER HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN "INCIDENTS AT MY HOME" AND THAT SOMEONE "HAS BEEN THREATENING ME WITH BEING SHOT." BUT THEY SAID HE WORKS FOR FARM RESEARCH, INC., WITH OFFICES AT 39 COURTLAND ST., NEW YORK CITY.

COE, KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS BY THE NICKNAME "ROBERT," IS A BROTHER OF FRANK COE, NOW IN HOT WATER WITH THE SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, FOR REFUSING TO SAY WHETHER HE IS A FORMER COMMUNIST OR HAD DISCUSSED IN MEXICO RECENTLY THE SMUGGLING OF GUNS TO CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNISTS.

CHARLES COE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A WRITER AND FARM RESEARCH WORKER, BUT DECLINED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS OR TO ANSWER MOST OTHER QUESTIONS. HE BASED ALL OF THE REFUSALS ON GROUNDS THE ANSWERS MIGHT TEND TO INCRIMINATE HIM.

COE REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HIS OFFICE WAS USED AS A HEADQUARTERS FOR COMMUNISTS "INFILTRATING THE GOVERNMENT" IN THE 1940'S, AS MORRIS PHRASED IT.

HE ALSO REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER ANY OF HIS WORK IS SUBSIDIZED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY, OR TO ACKNOWLEDGE AUTHORSHIP OF ARTICLES THE SUBCOMMITTEE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, SOME OF THEM PUBLISHED IN THE COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER UNDER THE NAME OF ROBERT DIGBY.

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